

ON DISHWASHERS...

CONSIDER THIS!

When Buying...

Look for ENERGY STAR models, which are at least 25% more efficient. You'll save money on water, electricity and heating costs.

When Using...

(1) Scrape dishes - don't rinse in sink, (2) Run only full loads, (3) Avoid using the "pots and pans," "heat-dry," "rinse-hold" and "pre-rinse" cycles because they all add to the water and energy used.

For more information,
call 974-2199 or visit
www.cityofaustin.org/watercon

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**NEED A BETTER WAY
TO MANAGE YOUR
WATER USE?
IT'S HERE!**



INSIDE:

- 💧 Accessing Your Monthly Water Use for the Last Two Years.
- 💧 One Apartment Complex That Cut Its Water Bill in Half!
- 💧 Water Rate Structure - The More You Use, the More It Costs!
- 💧 Dishwashers... What's to Know?

YOUR WATER USE: COMPARE THIS YEAR TO LAST YEAR

Want to see how much water you've been using? Now you can easily review your last two years of monthly water use by visiting a new internet site hosted by Austin Energy.

Compare last summer to the year before. Compare this January to last January. It's likely that you'll see a trend - and we'd like to help you cut down on those bills where possible.

First, get on the internet and go to www.austinenenergy.com. The first section is "Customer Care." Click on "register for access," then click on "register." You'll need to choose a username, password and provide your email address. Then you provide your utility bill account number and your social security or tax ID number and you'll be ready to go.

An easy way to determine if you are being wasteful or conservative in your water use is to break it down into how many gallons are being used by each person in your household on a daily basis. To determine this, find the average number of gallons you use per day and divide that by the number of people in your family. In winter months, water-conserving households use less than 50 gallons per day per person.



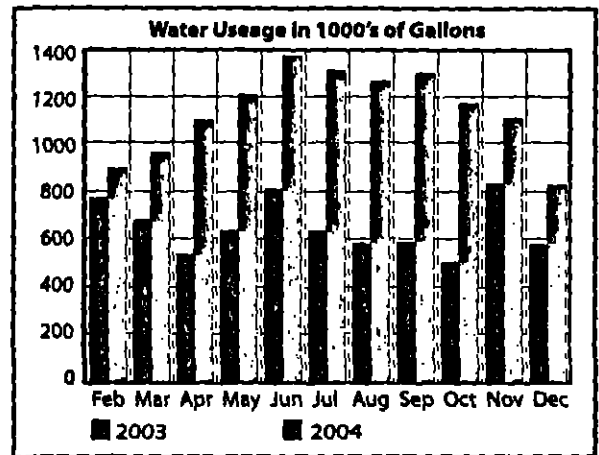
Sunday
Feb. 27th
in Zilker
Park
at the
Botanical
Gardens
1p - 5p

Free Admission & Parking!
cityofaustin.org/greengarden/festival.htm

AUSTIN APARTMENT COMPLEX CUTS WATER USE IN HALFI

200+ NEW TOILETS CREDITED

Several free water conservation programs are available to commercial and multi-family properties in Austin. The results of participation in those programs can be dramatic!



Above, water use at an apartment complex that completed a toilet retrofit of all apartment units last year and significantly reduced their water consumption. Single-family homeowners also often see similar percentages of savings after participation in Water Conservation programs and services.

RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES: THE MORE YOU USE PER MONTH, THE MORE IT COSTS!

Austin's residential water rates are formulated to allow people who don't use very much water to receive the lowest cost water possible. Then, as people use more during a month, the rate goes up as customers reach various levels of use. Because water rates increase as you use more during a month, there is a big financial incentive to conserve.

0 - 2,000 gallons	\$0.83 per 1000 gallons
2,000-9,000 gallons	\$2.29 per 1000 gallons
9,001-15,000 gallons	\$3.70 per 1000 gallons
15,001 and over	\$6.42 per 1000 gallons

For a complete chart of Austin Water Utility Rates, visit:
<http://www.cityofaustin.org/water/rateswr04.htm>